

OFFICIAL MINUTES

McKENZIE MUNICIPAL REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2012 4:30 PM

I. Call to Order/Establishment of a Quorum

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robb and a quorum was established.

All members of the Planning Commission were present.

Members of the Planning Commission are: Chairperson Dean Robb, Vice-Chairperson Keith Priestley, Secretary Lisa Norris, Commissioners Garlon Prewitt, Jessie Townes, Ken Mitchum and Mayor Jill Holland.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Mayor Holland, second by Lisa Norris. Motion passed.

III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 27, 2012 meeting by Secretary Norris, second by Commissioner Townes. Motion passed.

IV. Old Business

A. Any properly presented old business - none

V. New Business

A. Status Report on Bethel University Projects by Mr. Steve Prosser

Discussion: Well into term at Bethel University. Graduation in 6 weeks which will be held in the new completed gymnasium. The parking situation is still being evaluated. Will bring plans to Planning Commission at later date. The chapel is still in fund raising mode. Issue concerning the Library to be a Safe Space is still in design stage with TEMA & FEMA. This is a slow process. Enrollment on campus 1,521 for undergrads and 1,090 residential, 350 - 400 adult learners, part time students or masters students not counted making approximate total of 3,900. There are about 2000 students on McKenzie campus. Attendance for the many different events has been increasing. Are also expecting good attendance at the basketball games.

The football field has been utilized by the McKenzie schools. Bethel is fastest growing private university in the state. Projected strategic goals: modest growth into next year due to tough economic times catching up with traditional growth. Mr. Prosser also stated there are no plans to acquire the saw mill property or work on the track facility at this time. Also, he made mention to the 16% growth on campus should not be any issue as to staffing.

Action taken: None

B. Any other properly presented new business

Discussion: None

VI. Other Business

A. Training (Review) of all 2012 Planning Laws Passed by the Tennessee Legislature

Discussion: Regional Planner, Shelton Merrell provided an overview of all laws relative to planning passed by the Tennessee Legislature in 2012 during the meeting.

B. Any other properly presented business -

A suggestion was made by Chairman Robb that Bethel may want to look at adding a Stop sign coming off campus onto University Drive. Mayor Holland stated that TDOT could assist with the regulations.

Agenda and Regular Meeting Schedules Dates

Agenda meeting Thursday Nov. 8th at 2:30 P.M.

Regular meeting Tuesday Nov. 20 at 4:30 P.M.

Also, please make note that due to Holidays

Regular meeting for Dec. will be on Tuesday 13th at 4:30 pm

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Holland and second by Commissioner Priestley. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm

